

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) An acoustic projector comprising an even number of longitudinally joined ~~at least one~~ cylindrical shell ~~segment~~ segments and an even number of spaced drivers mounted within each of said shell ~~segment~~ segments.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently amended) The acoustic projector defined in claim 7 wherein each of the shell ~~segment~~ segments is formed of an epoxy graphite material.
10. (Currently amended) The acoustic projector defined in claim 7 wherein the combined longitudinal length of the drivers in each of the shell segments is between 70% and 90% of the longitudinal length of the shell segment.
11. (Currently amended) The acoustic projector defined in claim 7 wherein each of the shell ~~segment~~ segments is formed with a longitudinal slot.
12. (Currently amended) The acoustic projector defined in claim 11 wherein arcuate segments of material are mounted within the interior of the shell ~~segment~~ segments and extend along opposite sides of the ~~slot~~ slots.
13. (Original) The acoustic projector defined in claim 12 when the arcuate segments are formed of a dielectric material.

14. (Currently amended) The acoustic projector defined in claim 12 wherein the drivers are arcuate shaped members and are retained in ~~the~~ their respective shell segment by the arcuate shaped segments.
15. (Currently amended) The acoustic projector defined in claim 7 including a metal liner extending longitudinal along and mounted between the interior of the shell ~~segment~~ segments and the spaced drivers and electrically insulated from the drivers to provide structural reinforcement to the projector.